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SUBJ: CEP: PLANNING BOARD FOR EUROPEAN INLAND SURFACE TRANSPORT

(PBEIST) - AD HOC STUDY GROUP ON LINES OF COMMUNICATION

(LOC)

REF: USNATO 676

1. AD HOC GROUP MET 25 FEBRUARY 1975. CANADIAN REP  
PRESENTED STATEMENT INDICATING THEY HAD NO REQUIREMENTS  
FOR THROUGH-PUT INTO THE BENELUX LOC.

2. AD HOC GROUP'S PROGRESS REPORT TO PBEIST IS AS  
FOLLOWS:

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FIRST PROGRESS REPORT BY THE AD HOC GROUP ON LINES OF  
COMMUNICATION (LOC) IN A NATO-RECOGNIZED PERIOD OF EMERGENCY

1. THE AD HOC GROUP ESTABLISHED BY THE PLANNING BOARD AT ITS

MEETING IN NOVEMBER 1974 MET ON THREE OCCASIONS DURING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1975.

2. FROM THE PLANNING BOARD THE GROUP RECEIVED GUIDANCE REGARDING ITS TASK AS LAID DOWN IN ANNEX II OF THE BOARD'S PROGRESS REPORT TO THE SENIOR COMMITTEE FOR 1973-1974 (AC/15-D/289, ATTACHED AS ANNEX) AND THAT A FIRST REPORT BE SUBMITTED BY THE END OF MARCH 1975.

3. THE AD HOC GROUP CONSIDERED THAT ALTHOUGH THE TERM "LINES OF COMMUNICATION" AS SUCH, MAY HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE PBEIST'S PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES ONLY LATELY, PROBLEMS REGARDING WARTIME LINES OF COMMUNICATION WERE RECOGNIZED FROM THE BEGINNING AND MANY AGREEMENTS REACHED OVER THE YEARS CAN BE IDENTIFIED AS DEALING WITH LOC SUPPORT. IT WAS DECIDED THEREFORE TO REVIEW, DURING THE COURSE OF THE STUDY, THE INVENTORY OF PBEIST DOCUMENTS TO DISCERN WHAT IS ALREADY AVAILABLE IN THE FIELD OF LOC SUPPORT AND WHICH PROVISIONS MIGHT NEED ADAPTATION FOR THE PURPOSE.

4. IT WAS ALSO CONSIDERED THAT SUBSTANTIAL COMMITMENTS BY ANY HOST COUNTRY TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO USER COUNTRIES' LOC WILL MAINLY RESULT FROM THE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED OR TO BE CONCLUDED BETWEEN HOST - AND USER COUNTRIES AND THAT SUCH AGREEMENTS WILL THEREFORE REMAIN THE BASIS FOR INTERALLIED LOC ACTIVITY. THUS, THE GROUP HELD A PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON THE EXTENT AND THE STATE OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE BILATERAL LOC AGREEMENTS WITH THE ULTIMATE AIM TO EXPLORE ANY NEED FOR COORDINATION BETWEEN MECHANISMS AND PROCEDURES STEMMING FROM VARIOUS BILATERAL LOC CONSULTATIONS TO FURTHER AN INTEGRATED LOC SYSTEM FOR THE BELUX/FRG REGION.

5. IN DISCUSSING THE GUIDANCE RECEIVED FROM PBEIST (ANNEX II TO AC/15-D/289) IT WAS FOUND THAT IN THE FIRST ITEM THEREOF - TO COMPARE FIXED MILITARY AND CIVIL REQUIREMENTS CONFIDENTIAL

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WITH AVAILABLE PORT AND INLAND TRANSPORT CAPACITY WAS LIKELY TO BE THE MOST TIME CONSUMING. THE GROUP DECIDED THEREFORE TO CONCENTRATE FIRSTLY ON THE REQUIREMENTS PART OF THIS TASK.

6. IT WAS AGREED THAT ALL REQUIREMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED WOULD BE EXPRESSED IN CONNECTION WITH ONE SINGLE TIME FRAME FOR WHICH PURPOSE A PERIOD OF 100 DAYS WAS ADOPTED, THAT PERIOD STARTING AT REINFORCED ALERT AND ENDING 90 DAYS AFTER THE OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT WAR BREAKS OUT 10 DAYS AFTER RA.

7. AS IT APPEARED THAT MILITARY LOC REQUIREMENTS FOR THAT PERIOD HAD FOR THE GREATER PART ALREADY BEEN DECIDED,

THE NATIONS UNDERTOOK TO SUBMIT THEM TO THE HOST COUNTRY CONCERNED BY THE END OF JANUARY, MAKING USE OF A SET OF PROFORMAE WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN DEVELOPED BY AF CENT FOR THE SAME PURPOSE. MOST OF THESE REQUIREMENTS WERE RECEIVED BY THE END OF FEBRUARY.

8. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE HOST NATION WILL RECEIVE AND EVALUATE THE REQUIREMENTS SUBMITTED AND COORDINATE ON-WARD MOVEMENT WITH OTHER NATIONS AS APPROPRIATE.

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9. IT WAS AGREED THAT AS FAR AS POSSIBLE THE SAME PROFORMAE WILL BE USED FOR THE EXPRESSION OF CIVIL REQUIREMENTS AT A LATER DATE. HOWEVER, THE GROUP RECOGNISED THAT, SINCE A FORECAST OF CIVIL REQUIREMENTS WAS TO BE UNDERTAKEN METHODS DIFFERENT FROM THOSE USED TO CALCULATE THE MILITARY REQUIREMENTS MIGHT HAVE TO BE DEVELOPED. EVEN WHEN SUPPLY REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN ASSESSED AN ATTEMPT TO TRANSLATE THEM INTO REQUIREMENTS FOR THE USE OF PORTS AND INLAND TRANSPORT WILL BE A RATHER ARBITRARY AFFAIR, AS IT REMAINS UNCERTAIN WHICH GOODS CAN ACTUALLY BE PROCURED AND WHAT WILL ACTUALLY ARRIVE.

10. AS A CONSEQUENCE THE METHOD OF ASSESSMENT OF WARTIME SUPPLY PROBLEMS DIFFERS FROM COUNTRY TO COUNTRY AND THE RESULT USUALLY WILL NOT PRESENT FIGURES SUBSTANTIAL AND DETAILED ENOUGH TO COMPARE THEM WITH MILITARY REQUIREMENTS.

HOWEVER, CONSULTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WITH THEIR  
NATIONAL CIVIL SUPPLY AUTHORITIES SHOWED THAT SOME  
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ASSESSMENT CAN BE PROVIDED TO ENABLE THE ULTIMATE COMPARISON  
OF TOTAL REQUIREMENTS WITH TOTAL CAPABILITIES. IT IS  
FORESEEN THAT THE ASSESSMENT OF CIVIL REQUIREMENTS BY  
NATIONAL SUPPLY AUTHORITIES WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE END  
OF JUNE 1975. THOSE AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN ASKED TO MENTION  
IN THEIR ANSWER ANY PARTICULAR ASSUMPTIONS THEY HAVE  
USED TO BASE THEIR ASSESSMENT UPON.

11. THE TRANSLATION THEREAFTER OF SUPPLY REQUIREMENTS INTO  
PORT AND TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS WAS ALSO ACCEPTED AS A  
NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY AS WELL AS THE FIRST INSTANCE  
COMPARISON OF REQUIREMENTS WITH CAPABILITIES.

12. THE RESULT OF SUCH NATIONALLY UNDERTAKEN STUDIES WILL  
THEN BE SUBMITTED TO THE AD HOC GROUP TOGETHER WITH ANY  
RELEVANT INFORMATION ON HOW THE OUTCOME WAS REACHED AND  
WHICH CONSTRAINTS ARE ANTICIPATED. ANY CONSTRAINTS  
REPORTED TO THE AD HOC GROUP OR INCONSISTENCIES DISCOVERED  
WILL BE STUDIED TO SEE IF A SOLUTION CAN BE PROPOSED.  
IT IS HARDLY POSSIBLE THEREFORE TO FORECAST WHEN A FINAL  
REPORT BY THE AD HOC GROUP MAY BE EXPECTED BEFORE THE  
RESULTS OF THE NATIONAL STUDIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND  
EVALUATED.

13. IT WAS ASSUMED THAT IN THE ABOVE EXERCISE BY NATIONAL  
TRANSPORT AND SUPPLY AUTHORITIES THE SECOND ITEM OF  
THE PBEIST GUIDANCE WOULD BE COVERED.

14. IT WAS DETERMINED BY THE AD HOC GROUP THAT THE TASK CONTAINED  
IN PART 3 OF THE PBEIST GUIDANCE - THE SCRUTINISING OF  
NATIONAL TRANSPORT EMERGENCY PREPARATIONS - COULD NOT  
BE EFFICIENTLY UNDERTAKEN BEFORE THE RESULTS OF PART 1  
AND PART 2 WERE AVAILABLE TO THE GROUP. END TEXT.

3. THE CHAIRMAN INVITED THE AD HOC GROUP TO MEET WITH HIM  
ON THE AFTERNOON OF 12 MAY 1975 IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE  
PBEIST PLENARY MEETING OF 13 MAY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADVISING  
HIM OF ANY ITEM OF SIGNIFICANCE. BRUCE

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